

Introduced by Senator Hernandez

April 2, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to California Osteopathic Medicine Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 31, as introduced, Hernandez. California Osteopathic Medicine Week.

This measure would annually, commencing April 2013, proclaim the 3rd week of April as California Osteopathic Medicine Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are 80,000 osteopathic physicians currently
2 practicing medicine in the United States; and
3 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians make up one-fifth of all
4 practicing physicians in the United States; and
5 WHEREAS, There are 4,500 osteopathic physicians currently
6 residing and practicing medicine in the State of California; and
7 WHEREAS, California is home to two fully accredited
8 osteopathic medical schools; and
9 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians have provided quality
10 health care and health education outreach to all of California's
11 residents since the founding of the Osteopathic Medical Board of
12 California in 1922; and
13 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians seek to provide the best
14 and highest quality health care to all individuals regardless of race,
15 religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing;
16 and

1 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians seek to treat the whole
2 person through the practice of medicine and hands-on
3 manipulation; and

4 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians seek to bring a humanistic
5 world view of treatment and care to patients and individuals in
6 need; and

7 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are licensed to practice in
8 all areas and specialties and may prescribe medication and perform
9 surgery; and

10 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians have played an influential
11 role in shaping health care policies that have affected the health
12 and well-being of all citizens of the State of California; and

13 WHEREAS, National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week is
14 celebrated during the third week of April annually. NOM Week
15 brings the osteopathic medical profession together to focus on the
16 common goal of increasing awareness of osteopathic medicine
17 and osteopathic physicians in communities across the country;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That annually, commencing April 2013, the
21 third week of April be hereby proclaimed as California Osteopathic
22 Medicine Week; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all citizens and
24 community organizations to support the observance of California
25 Osteopathic Medicine Week by helping to educate residents about
26 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medicine; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.